



Board of Supervisors Quarterly Report

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Aquatic Program Highlights

13 people hospitalized due to dangerous carbon monoxide levels at an Ohio hotel swimming pool

By Andy Rose, CNN

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(CNN) — At least four people have been released from an Ohio hospital after breathing life-threatening levels of carbon monoxide in a Hampton Inn pool area.

They are among 13 people, including an unconscious 2-year-old girl, who were hospitalized in the incident Saturday night in Marysville, Ohio.

Two critical patients -- now stabilized -- and five serious-but-stable patients have been transferred to tertiary care facilities, according to Melanie Ziegler, VP of Community Engagement for Memorial Health who spoke to CNN Sunday morning.

The hotel had been evacuated Saturday after a 911 call reported the young girl unconscious, Police Chief Tony Brooks said.

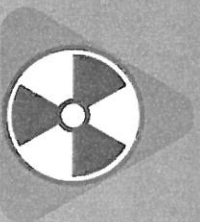
"Shortly after this call, the local 911 Center received additional calls (referencing) unconscious subjects in and around the pool area," Brooks told CNN via email. "Others described symptoms such as dizziness and a burning in their throat."

Our New Aquatic Ordinance Section 64.07.1

- Requires Carbon Monoxide detectors be installed in rooms wherever fuel burning appliances are used – as well as immediately adjacent rooms or rooms connected by vents
- These detectors have to be replaced at minimum every 2 years

Indoor Air Quality Highlights

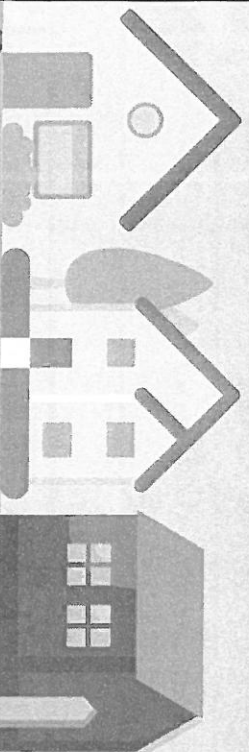
What is Radon?



Radon is a cancer-causing radioactive gas. You cannot see, smell or taste radon, but it may cause a problem in your home.

TEST YOUR HOME, TODAY!

Free Test Kits Available in Environmental Health Department!



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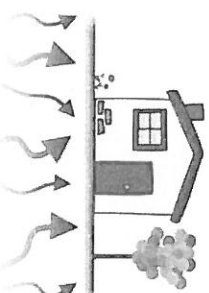
January was Radon Awareness Month

- We gave away ALL 50 free Radon kits
- Had promos in newsletters, social media platforms, posters in buildings, and the radio

A Message from,
Environmental Health
Director,
Kimberly Grandinetti



Starting in January, we will have 50 **FREE** radon kits available in the Environmental Health office. These will go by a first come, first serve basis.



- Radon is a naturally occurring radioactive gas.
- It can enter your home through the ground and affect indoor air quality.



- When inhaled, the radioactive particles can damage DNA and cause lung cancer.
- The only way to know if your home has high levels of radon is to test.

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MYTH:

Radon testing is difficult, time consuming and expensive

FACT:

Radon testing is EASY! You can test your home yourself or hire a qualified radon testing company.



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New Water Infrastructure Grant for Unsewered Communities

Money For Septic Systems

Grant money is now available to Iowa property owners residing in unsewered communities to repair or upgrade their septic systems.

- Story County Environmental Health found that your property appears meets the eligibility requirements for Phase 1 of this grant.
- All costs directly related to the design, permitting and construction of the private sewage disposal system may be funded by the grant.



For more information visit our website at
www.storycountyiowa.gov/septicgrant

Funding Is Limited - Apply Today!

- IFA rolled out the new grant January 2022
- Staff identified our unsewered communities and potential properties that were eligible under Phase 1
- Website updates were also made regarding the grant
- 128 postcards were mailed out on January 21
- Starting January 22 we started receiving calls and emails regarding the postcards
 - We have had 5 definitely eligible properties and a few others that need additional information



New Web Page: www.storycountyiowa.gov/septicgrant

Water Infrastructure Grant For Septic Systems

Iowa Finance Authority (IFA) has received new funding through the American Rescue Plan Act to provide grants for property-owners residing in an unsewered community to repair or upgrade their septic system. The grant award may fund all costs directly related to the design, permitting and construction/rehabilitation of the private sewage disposal system for eligible residential or commercial properties.

PHASE 1 – PRIORITY PROPERTIES

- Applicant must be owner of record of property
 - Max one grant award per person and one per property
 - Properties must be constructed before July 1, 1983
 - Properties cannot have not transferred ownership since July 1, 2009 (unless it was exempt from Time of Transfer rules)
 - Septic system must be in a failing condition
 - Property must be in an unsewered community approved by the county
 - Unsewered Community = A densely populated area, with 10 or more houses with 1 or more houses per acre
- MAP of identified unsewered communities in Story County

MORE INFORMATION AND TO APPLY FOR WATER INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT

[Eligibility, Information, Award Conditions and Application Process](#) (Official Iowa Finance Authority Flyer)

[Iowa Finance Authority Automated Cleaninghouse Transfer Authorization](#)

[Grant Application Process](#)

Frequently Asked Questions

GENERAL QUESTIONS	ELIGIBILITY QUESTIONS	APPLICATION QUESTIONS	AWARD QUESTIONS	MISCELLANEOUS QUESTIONS
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